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The super-secret Central Intelligence Agency is getting a long look from several directions, for the first time in its existence. Perhaps this is a result of the Cuban fiasco. Or one of the other reasons may be that back in 1960 it rang the bell about a perilous "missile gap", and then later proceeded to prove that the gap was fictitious.

Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) recalls that his own party charged there was a missile gap, based on supposed facts supplied by the CIA. Symington then points out that as soon as the election was over, the CIA began "revising downward" the missile gap. This performance, the Senator said, is rather fascinating. The missile gap was created by the CIA and was eliminated by the CIA.

Now senators are suggesting that as neither Congress or the American people know much about the CIA, its payroll, or how effectively it spends money, there should be set up a special House-Senate committee as a "watchdog" over the CIA, much as the Joint Atomic Energy Committee watches over doings of the equally secret Atomic Energy Commission. This is recommended by Senator Stephen A. Young (D-Ohio) for one.

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